

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:

Jianbo Lu

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Serial Number: 10/708,673

Examiner: Burch, Melody M.

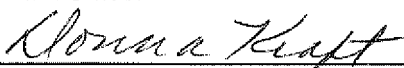
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For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING AN AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE HAVING A TRAILER

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APPELLANTS' REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

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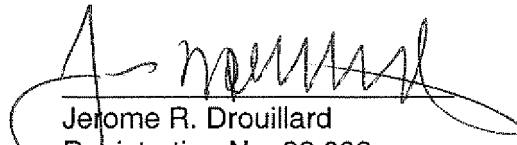
In response to the Examiner's Answer dated March 22, 2007, and having a shortened statutory period for response running to and including May 22, 2007, Appellant responds as follows:

REMARKS

In response to Appellant's argument that neither Schlichenmaier nor Kim teaches anything regarding reduction of a turning radius selected by a driver, but rather are concerned with treatment for yaw, which is a see-saw motion characterized by an angular departure from the path desired by the driver, the Examiner asserts that the feature of reducing a turning radius selected by a driver is not recited in the rejected claims.

Appellant respectfully submits that the feature of driver-selected turning radius is inherent in Appellant's claims, because drivers always select a turning radius merely by turning the wheel to the extent necessary to achieve the desired radius of curvature. If this were not the case, the steering wheel would have no useful function other than to support a driver's airbag. Accordingly, Appellant continues to maintain that the rejection based upon Schlichenmaier and Kim, which deal with controlling yaw, is not well-founded, and Appellant urges the Board to reverse the Examiner's rejection of each of the claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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